(a) the date when the MPLADS was conceived;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Scheme is becoming more and more complicated;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taken to see that the Scheme remains simple for implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (DR. YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) The Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) was announced by the then Hon'ble Prime Minister in Parliament on 23rd December, 1993.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The MPLAD Scheme is governed by a set of guidelines which are simple. Clarifications on the issues on which doubts are raised by the Collectors and Hon'ble Members of Parliament are given from time to time with a view to expedite the pace of implementation.

Drinking Water supply to DDA Janata Flats in Adhchini Village

2440. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 120 Janata category flats allotted by DDA three years ago in Adhchini Village, New Delhi, are getting water by tankers as the overhead tank is yet to be filled with water;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and who is responsible for the delay in this regard;

(c) whether Government would ease the situation by filling the underground reservoir by water tankers and boosting it to the overhead tank; and

(d) by when regular water supply to the flats through overhead tank would be provided?

(c) whether the Central Government was also associated with the discussions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A World Bank Mission had visited Karnataka from July 3—5, 1996 to review with the Government of Karnataka the recent steps undertaken to improve the power sector in Karnataka and to discuss possible financial assistance from the Bank for the future development of the

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking has reported that due to acute shortage of municipal water in the area it is not possible for it to provide water for the time being. DDA has reported that efforts were made to tap under ground water but the water was not found safe for drinking purposes.

(c) and (d) The DDA has reported that it is practically not feasible to fill the underground tank on day to day basis. It has paid on 23.12.92 the cost of providing drinking water supply to these flats to the Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking, who is seized of the proposal to give water connection to the existing overhead tank/underground reservoir serving the Janta flats through existing line in the area.

Visit of World Bank Team for financing Power Projects in Karnataka

2441. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a World Bank team visited Karnataka in the Ist week of July, 1996 to hold talks with officials and explore possibilities for financing future power projects in the State;

(b) if so, the details of discussions held and the outcome thereof; and